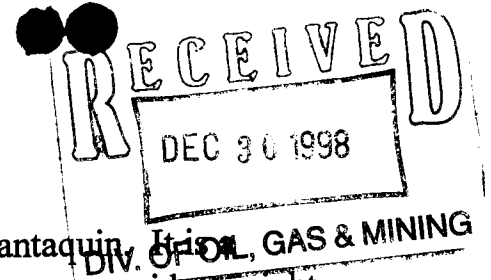


To Whom it May Concern:



I live on Highway 6 just as it comes into Genola from Santaquin. It is a dangerous curve in both directions. There have been so many accidents right here in front of our drive and on either side of the curve. Just in the last month there was an accident that occurred when a car went around the curve only to run into the back of a truck that was going slow up the hill. It is a dangerous curve. Another accident I can recall involved a boy on a bike. He had been riding on the South side of the street and decided to cross the road. A car came around the corner and hit him into our mailboxes down at the end of our drive. This curve is dangerous. I could name numerous accidents but those particular ones come to mind immediately. A while ago, a big rig truck had a near hit with the school bus that stops in the middle of this curve at the end of our drive at least 4 times a day. The truck came around the corner and didn't see the bus stopped in time. He tried to stop for a long time. People could hear the squeal. Since the truck was so heavy it could not stop. The driver had to go around the bus into oncoming traffic. Thank goodness there wasn't anyone coming the other way at the time. I am scared every time I pull out of the drive onto Highway 6 because at least once a week I have to pull over for cars I could not see coming around the corner. More frequently than that, cars pull around me into the other lane if I don't see them coming up behind me in time. They are taking a risk when they do that, but they have no choice. When it is a big truck behind me that's when I really get scared. This highway is getting more and more crowded. I believe if we allow Valley Asphalt to bring their operation from Spanish Fork there will be too many big trucks on highway 6 and I believe as do many others that it's too high of risk for our community to take. I wanted to touch on a big concern about the pollution that I have. The Spanish Fork plant is old and covered with soot. I am afraid of what it will do the children with their developing organs. It affects even the healthy. My husband was getting sick every other week when we lived in a polluted area. When the antibiotics wouldn't work on him anymore the doctor was afraid if he got strep throat again it would be bad. He told my husband to get out of the Provo-Orem area. We moved here and my husband has not had strep throat for 4 years, since we moved here. The elderly already get pneumonia easily. I think with the added stress on their lungs the problem will worsen along with RSV in infants. I am strongly opposed to an asphalt plant this close to an incorporated town.

Sincerely,

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